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Good afternoon Kerry

You made contact with us (both myself and Robyn Kiefer) last week following Westlake CAG meeting. During our discussion you delivered some specific questions for us. We have coordinated responses to those questions with the EPA and are providing those responses here (attached). Hopefully these responses answer your questions fully.

In addition, when we spoke last week, you requested an opportunity to come to the office and meet with us personally and we would certainly welcome that opportunity. I am certain the focus of the visit would be the Westlake landfill project so I would like to propose having our team here, including the EPA poc's attend this meeting. We would propose Wednesday of next week if that works for your schedule.

Julie Ziino, our congressional liaison, is away on leave this week. I can attempt to get the basics set up today/tomorrow with you and Julie will then be able to work the details with you further early next week.

Best regards,

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DRAFT RESPONSES TO MS. KERRY DEGREOGORIO's VERBAL INQUIRIES REGARDING WEST LAKE LANDFILL

1. When we provide comments to the EPA (ie. on reviewed documents) can/will we (USACE) post them on our website?

EPA is the lead agency for Superfund projects, including West Lake Landfill, and USACE is a supporting agency under the executed Interagency Agreement (IA). The IA specifically states that USACE is to provide all comments to the EPA Remedial Project Manager (RPM). USACE understands the community's concerns and their desire to know the USACE technical position on various aspects of the project; however, in accordance with the IA, USACE must defer to EPA regarding any deviation from the IA as those deviations could impact EPA's authority as the lead agency. In its efforts to be transparent, EPA posts final documents on its West Lake webpage.

On a complex site, such as the West Lake Landfill site, there are a number of technical disciplines across multiple agencies involved in review of these plans and designs and each discipline/agency brings their technical expertise, experience, and perspective to bear as these comments are discussed. Many times, these different points of view are resolved with numerous discussions and additional research. It has been USACE's experience that when preliminary comments are released without being collectively resolved, it could lead to misunderstanding and miscommunications.

2. Can USACE provide a POC that the public can contact for questions?

EPA is the lead agency for this project and they are responsible for tracking and officially responding to all inquiries. During Monday's Community Advisory Group (CAG meeting), members of the community expressed a desire to be able to contact USACE directly regarding any inquiries they may have on the West Lake project as they do with USACE on St. Louis FUSRAP projects. Mr. Jeff Field, EPA Region 7 Chief for the MO/KS Remedial Branch of the Superfund Division, stated during the meeting that all inquiries for the West Lake project are to be submitted to Ben Washburn, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator. It is important to note that USACE is the lead agency for FUSRAP projects and are the primary contact for community questions for those projects. This lead agency role with FUSRAP allows USACE to accommodate the community's request for direct access for inquiries as well as to control the tracking and responses of those inquiries. Since EPA is the lead agency for the West Lake Superfund Project, questions should be directed to the EPA.

3. Will USACE review the historical data on the material that is buried at West Lake Landfill, specifically what was placed there from the Latty Avenue site?

The first IA that has been executed between EPA and USACE for the isolation barrier work includes USACE reviewing and commenting on work plans and designs. While this task does require USACE to review historical information for the purpose of understanding the overall context of the project and what material may be encountered during the installation and construction of the isolation barrier, the purpose is not to conduct a forensic analysis of past operations. EPA and USACE are in discussions regarding a second IA that will include an independent technical review of select historical documents and documents that will be submitted in the future. That scope is still being determined.